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Personal Property Division

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Mr. Terry R. Head President Household Goods Forwarders Association Of America, Incorporated 2320 Mill Road Suite 102 Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Dear Mr. Head:

On March 29, 2001, our office requested a waiver from the General Services Administration (GSA) to allow destination agents, working in the Department of Defense (DoD) Personal Property Program, to bill for destination storage-in-transit and delivery out charges on household goods (HHG) and unaccompanied baggage (UB) shipments.

General Services Administration responded on May 18, 2001, denying our waiver request. The major factors for their decision was the contractual relationship between the government and the carrier, and the workload increase to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) that would be required to maintain agents in its computer databases.

Today, many household goods movements, to include carrier payments, are processed through Electronic Data interchange at DFAS Indianapolis, which pays carriers in less than 72 hours. We continue to move forward on electronic payments for all payment centers.

We will continue to partnership in implementing new and better commercial business practices. Point of contact for this matter is Mr. Charles Fishburn, MTPP-HQ, (703) 428-3176 or fishburnc@mtmc.army.mil.

Sincerely,

Colonel, U.S. Air Force

Deputy Chief of Staff for Passenger

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